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SUBJECT: CCD ENLARGEMENT: BELGIAN REPRESENTATION

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1. WE AGREE THAT BELGIANS SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED FROM

REVIVING IDEA OF ADDING BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO DUTCH
CCD DEL. IN ADDITION BELGIANS SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED FROM
REVIVING 1969 FALLBACK SUGGESTION OF HAVING OBSERVER ATTEND
WESTERN GROUP MEETINGS.

2. IN ADDITION TO ARGUMENTS IN REFTEL YOU SHOULD REMIND
BELGIANS AS NECESSARY THAT BOTH POSSIBILITIES MENTIONED
PARA 1 ABOVE WERE THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED IN 1969, INCLUDING
EXPLANATORY LETTER FROM ACDA DIRECTOR SMITH TO BELGIAN
FONMIN HARMEL, AND THAT U.S. OPPOSITION WAS BASED ON
BROADER ISSUES THAN GDR PROBLEM. (BACKGROUND DETAILS
AND REFERENCES ARE GIVEN IN ACDA STUDY, "INTERNATIONAL
NEGOTIATIONS ON ENLARGEMENT OF ENDC, 1968-69," COPY IN
U.S. DEL FILES.) ALTHOUGH WE FULLY APPRECIATE AND WEL-
COME BELGIAN INTEREST IN CCD, WE BELIEVE 1969 ARGUMENTS
ARE STILL VALID.

3. CONTRARY TO VIEWS EXPRESSED BY ONKELINX, BELGIAN IDEA
COULD RAISE ESSENTIALLY SAME PROBLEMS OF POLITICAL BALANCE

AS ADDING BELGUIM AS NEW DELEGATION. EVEN IF SOVIETS
SHOULD INDICATE NO OBJECTION TO BELGIAN-DUTCH ARRANGEMENT
AND NOT INSIST IMMEDIATELY ON BALANCING BELGIAN REP WITH
SOVIET ALLY, THERE WOULD BE NO WAY TO INSURE ISSUE WOULD
NOT BE RAISED LATER WHEN WE WOULD BE IN POOR POSITION TO
DENY SOVIET ALLY SAME PRIVILEGE AS BELGIANS.

4. MOREOVER, WE THINK IT EVEN MORE LIKELY NOW THAN IN
1969 THAT NON-ALIGNED DELEGATIONS WOULD PRESS FOR RIGHT
TO INCLUDE REPS FROM OTHER STATES, SOME OF WHICH COULD
BE HIGHLY UNDESIRABLE FROM WESTERN STANDPOINT. UNDER
THESE CIRCUMSTANCES CCD COULD BECOME FORUM FOR VENTING
THIRD-WORLD FRUSTRATIONS WHILE LOSING VALUE AS
RESPONSIBLE NEGOTIATING BODY. RUSH

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